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THE RED CROSS

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THE RED CROSS CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAMME

"For a healthier, happier America of to-day and to-morrow," twenty-four Red Cross Nurses have been secured by the Department of Nursing who will go out on the various Chautauquas which cover the length and breadth of the country to proclaim a gospel of public health. This list of speakers holds many names which are familiar to readers of the JOURNAL. Etha E. Pearce, a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, who will speak on the Redpath New England Chautauquas, has for eighteen months been Director of L'Ambulance Americaine, Neuilly, Seine et Marne, France, and for five months, Director of the American Red Cross Hospital at Paris. Mary K. Nelson, a graduate of the Union Hospital, Fall River, Mass., and later Superintendent of the Highland Hospital, Fall River, went overseas with the Yvetot Unit in 1915 as Supervisor of American Red Cross Nurses at Hospital Auxiliare, No. 43, Bis, Saint Valery-en-Caux, and again accepted foreign service as a member of the Army Nurse Corps in April, 1918. Miss Nelson will speak on the Redpath-Vawter Circuits, which operate from Cedar Rapids through northern Missouri, southern Minnesota, and South Dakota. Two nurses who have accepted Chautauqua assignment were members of the Red Cross Commission to Italy. Mabel Fletcher, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, New York, who has served as Supervisor, Opd. Ward, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, and later as Superintendent of Nurses of the New Haven Hospital, Connecticut, served with the Red Cross at Milano, Italy. Mrs. Jane T. Dahlman, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass., who was District Nursing Supervisor, Boston, has just returned from doing public health nursing in the devastated Piave sector under the Red Cross Commission to Italy. Mrs. Dahlman's public health training was received at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Two Red Cross nurses went overseas with the Presbyterian Hospital Unit, which was assigned to the British Expeditionary Forces. Louise M. Marsh will speak on the Standard Chautauquas covering the Missouri River Valley; and Mrs. Lydia H. Breaux, a graduate of the New Orleans Training School for Nurses, and later transferred to the Presbyterian

Hospital Unit No. 2, will speak on the Radcliffe Chautauquas through the south and far west. Edith Madeira, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training School, and later Superintendent of the Visiting Nurse Society at Harrisburg, Pa., and Waterbury, Conn., has just returned from Jerusalem, where she has been Chief Nurse of the Red Cross Commission to Palestine. Miss Madeira will speak on the Coit-Alber Circuits which go through the middle west. Florence Bullard, a graduate of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., served with the American Ambulance Hospital, Neuilly, Seine et Marne, France, and has received the Croix de Guerre and citation for "imperturbable sang froid under the most violent bombardment during March and May, 1918." Ida F. Butler, a graduate of the Hartford Hospital Training School, Connecticut, who has recently returned from Lyons, France, where she organized two Red Cross hospitals for the acute diseases of children, will speak on the Community Chautauquas operating from Green Castle, Indiana. Josephine Mulville, a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and later Assistant Superintendent of Nurses, Brooklyn Hospital, New York, served as a member of the Massachusetts General Hospital Unit attached to Base Hospital No. 6, A. E. F. Bessie Baker, a graduate and later Assistant Superintendent of Nurses of Johns Hopkins Hospital, was Chief Nurse of this Base Hospital Unit assigned to the A. E. F. Gertrude H. Bowling, also a graduate of this training school, served with Miss Baker in France. Elizabeth Walsh, a graduate of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass., went overseas with the Harvard Unit, in 1917, and with the British Government cared for the American and English troops on the Western Front. Isabelle Byrne, a graduate of the Roosevelt Hospital, New York, served as a member of a Mobile Operating Unit under the A. E. F. Edith Ambrose, a graduate of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, with public health training at Teachers College, and in social service at Boston, was assigned to special duty with the Red Cross overseas in caring for shell-shock patients. Elizabeth Hunt, who has had nursing experience in Paris and Rome before the war, and has done public health nursing in Kentucky, was Chief Nurse of the Edgewood Arsenal, where she had charge of many patients suffering from mustard gas and liquid fire burns.

"In a little town where there aren't any sidewalks, and where they let the pigs run about the streets, but sell Paris perfumes at the drug-store," writes a Red Cross nurse now on the Chautauqua platform, "you would have been touched by the response of my audience. Many of these women work all day in the mills, others come in so tired looking, with babies in their arms, and young children tugging at their

skirts, while one girl, hardly more than eighteen, living far back in the hills, who had just lost her little baby, was eager to hear about anything which might help her with her little boy."

RED CROSS CONFERENCES AT CANNES, FRANCE

Lillian D. Wald, Director of the Henry Street Settlement, Honorary President of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, and a member of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing service, will represent the Red Cross Nursing Service and the Federal Children's Bureau at the Red Cross Conferences at Cannes, preliminary to the Geneva Convention. Carrie M. Hall, who has been Chief Nurse of the American Red Cross in France, will also be present at these conferences, and Mary S. Gardner, who is being relieved in Italy by Edna L. Foley, will attend. It was hoped that Miss Delano might have been present, but an unfortunate setback following her operation at Savenay has made this impossible.

RED CROSS BUREAU OF INFORMATION FOR NURSES

A meeting of the Joint National Committee of the three national organizations of nursing was held at the office of the Atlantic Division, American Red Cross, March 10, 1918. This committee is composed of the following members:

Representing the American Nurses' Association, M. Adelaide Nutting, Susan C. Francis, Clara D. Noyes; representing the National League of Nursing Education, S. Lillian Clayton, Anne W. Goodrich, Amy M. Hilliard; representing the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, Mary F. Beard, Ella P. Crandall, Lillian D. Wald.

At this meeting, Florence M. Johnson, Acting Manager of the Red Cross Bureau of Information for Nurses, reported that up to the present time, "1,068 nurses had been released from the military service, and had reported to the Red Cross Atlantic Division Office. Of this number, 866 were members of the Army Nurse Corps, 200 were American Red Cross Nurses, and 2 were members of the Navy Nurse Corps. Of this total, 65 were returning to private duty, and 976 were referred to the Bureau of Information." Yssabella Waters, the representative of the Red Cross and of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, then reported on the Public Health Division of the Bureau as follows: "The Public Health Nursing Division has, during the 22 days of its existence, been in communication with 198 nurses; 122 who have desired general information on public health nursing and the positions in the field, have been personally interviewed; and 76 have applied by letter; 157 organizations have written

us to supply their various needs, 69 of which requests were received before the Public Health Division was really opened; 236 letters have been written in acknowledgment or explanation of the various requests, and 42 states were represented, also Prince Edward Island and Canada. The organizations which have asked for the coöperation of the Bureau of Information in securing nurses, cover almost every field of public health work,—State and Municipal Boards of Education and Health, Visiting Nurse and Infant Welfare Associations, hospitals desiring nurses for their social service departments, Red Cross Chapters, State and Municipal Anti-Tuberculosis Associations, and Missions, Industrial Corporations, and the United States Public Health Service." Miss Waters, whose resignation as Acting Chief of the Division of Public Health Nursing has been accepted with regret, will be succeeded by Jane E. Hitchcock, a graduate of the New York Hospital and formerly Superintendent of Nurses of the Henry Street Settlement, New York City. R. Inde Albaugh reported upon the Division of Student Nurse Assignment and Institutional Nursing. 120 training schools have applied for students, and approximately 400 names have been received, 390 of which have been referred to 75 training schools.

Constant mention is being made in the New York newspapers regarding the return of nurses from military service and especially of the landing of the important Base Hospital Units. It is regrettable that the 27th Division Parade did not have its corps of nurses in the line of march. Seats were assigned these nurses on the grand stands. Plans are now under consideration whereby memorial meetings may be held, somewhat later, to commemorate the services of nurses during the war, and it has been suggested that a special day might be set apart for this purpose.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Lucy Minnigerode, whose name is well known to readers of the JOURNAL, as Inspector of Marine Hospitals under the U. S. Public Health Service, has been appointed Superintendent of the newly-created Public Health Service Nurse Corps. Miss Minnigerode, who is a graduate of Bellevue Training School for Nurses, New York City, was Chief Nurse of Unit C of the Red Cross Commission to Kief, Russia, in 1915, and since our participation in the war, has served in the Bureau of Field Nursing Service at National Headquarters. The following assignments have been made to Marine Hospitals: Memphis, Tenn. (Marine Hospital), T. Catheryn Armstrong, Chief Nurse, and two nurses; New Orleans, La. (Marine Hospital), three nurses;

Cairo, Ill. (Marine Hospital), Helen Cust, Chief Nurse; U. S. Government Hospital, Augusta Georgia (Camp Hancock), four nurses; U. S. Government Hospital, Houston, Texas (Camp Logan), four nurses; Boston, Mass. (Marine Hospital), Linda K. Meirs, Chief Nurse; U. S. Government Hospital, Palo Alto, Calif. (Camp Fremont), Annie Broadbent, Chief Nurse, and two nurses; Pittsburgh, Pa. (Marine Hospital), Ellen G. Cartledge, Chief Nurse; Baltimore, Md. (Marine Hospital), A. Maury Carter.

ASSIGNMENTS TO FOREIGN SERVICE

The Department of Nursing has been called upon to furnish 140 nurses and 40 Czech-Slovak nurses' aids for service under the Red Cross Commission to Siberia. It was first planned that these nurses should go to Vladivostock as one unit, but difficulties in securing transportation have necessitated that they be sent in small detachments. The following nurses and one nurse's aid sailed from San Francisco on the *S. S. Willis*, March 29th: Sallie Byrant, Gertrude Brandon, Miriam Lewis, Esther Olsen, Mary Wold, Grace Harrinton, Virginia Thomas, G. Elizabeth Wilson, Clare McEnery, Lucy Carter, Maud Ella Moody, Vena Sherrer, Ruth Watson.

On April 12th a second group will sail. Nurses, Mary D. Barnes, Rhoda Prickett, Esther Peterson, Vera Allen, Maude Kellam, Nora Ryle, Minnie Blake, Mary Reynolds, Rose Scheffer, and five nurse's aids.

After these nurses arrive at Vladivostock, they will have to travel over 5,000 miles on the Trans-Siberian Railroad before they reach their destination at Omsk.

IRENE BYRON TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Irene Byron Tuberculosis Hospital is the successor and outgrowth of the Fort Wayne Recovery Camp at Fort Wayne, Ind., which was composed of an old six-room frame farmhouse and fourteen Burr cottages.

Because of the remarkable results obtained with these inadequate facilities the county officials were induced to make a more liberal provision. One hundred thousand dollars were appropriated for the construction of the above hospital and \$43,000 per year for its maintenance.

This is the first tuberculosis hospital so far as is known to be named for a nurse. Irene Byron was for years an active tuberculosis worker and executive secretary of the Fort Wayne Anti-Tuberculosis League. She helped to plan the institution, but after war was declared joined the Red Cross and lost her life in the service.—Bulletin of the National Tuberculosis Association.